

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**Legal Legislative Committee**

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson

Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary

Aaron Otto, Member

Meeting Location: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Room 312

**MINUTES**

**12/14/11**

**Call to Order:** 10:15 p.m.

**Committee Member Roll Call**

Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary Winnay Wemigwase, Aaron Otto

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Donna Budnick

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Sharon Sierzputowski, Denise Petoskey, Susan Gasco,  
Dr. Cheryl Samuels

Guests: Tribal Councilor Keshick, Tribal Councilor Denemy, Vice-Chairperson Shananaquet

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda of December 14, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

**Minutes**

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

**New Business**

**a)Medical Marijuana Patient Protection Statute discussion:** Vice-Chair Shananaquet started discussion and brought in Executive Staff for discussion.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco-Bentley to recommend that Tribal Council rescind WOS 2011-002 Medical Marijuana Patient Protection. Motion carried.

Vote: 2 -Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

**b)Employee Handbook:** Vice-Chair Shananaquet and HR Director Denise Petoskey presented current, draft document for the committee to review. They have been focusing on work schedules, employee status, etc. They have yet to send the draft for legal review. We will be revisiting the document at our next Committee meeting.

Lunch Break: 12:15 p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 1:33 p.m.

**c)Nomination Policy:** Vice-Chair Shananaquet and Legal Counsel Budnick led discussion on the process of nominations of judicial and prosecutorial appointees being sent to Council. Discussion included the timing of background checks and who conducts them.

Break: 2:42 p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 3:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to recommend Tribal Council approve the Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Policy and Procedures. Motion carried.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent

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3 **d)Child Protection-Human Services:** Vice-Chair Shananaquet wanted to comment on the possible need  
4 for the Child Protection Statute to be reviewed and modified. Councilor Denemy also commented that it  
5 would be important to have the Human Services Director, Prosecutor, et al participate during further  
6 discussions.  
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8 **e)Human Services-Emergency Fund:** This fund was depleted almost immediately for this past quarter.  
9 Vice-Chair Shananaquet will work with Human Services Director and other Executive staff to research  
10 other similar funds/assistance programs and develop draft "qualifiers" and/or guidelines to help with  
11 administering emergency funds.  
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13 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to recommend that Tribal  
14 Council approve the Human Services Emergency Assistance Policy. Motion carried.

15 Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent  
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17 **f)Contract Statute:** Donna will review and bring suggestions back to the Committee.  
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19 **g)Education, Cultural and Language Departments:**  
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21 Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to table the Education, Cultural  
22 and Language Departments agenda item until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

23 Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent  
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25 **h)Legal – Court Case:** no update on this agenda item.  
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27 Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Wemigwase to approve the upcoming Legal  
28 and Legislative Committee meeting dates (and start time) as follows: December 21, 2011, January 4,  
29 2012 and January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

30 Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent  
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## 32 **Old Business**

33 a) Old Resolution not discussed  
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## 35 **Public Comment**

36 Public comment open: 5:06 p.m.

37 Carla McFall, Julie Shananaquet

38 Public comment closed: 5:07 p.m.  
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40 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to table the Legal -  
41 Court Case agenda item until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

42 Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent  
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44 **Next Meeting:** December 21, 2011 in Room 312 at 10:00 a.m.  
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46 Motion made by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley and supported by Secretary Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:16  
47 p.m. Motion carried.

48 Vote: 3 -Yes, 0 -No, 0 -Abstained, 0 -Absent  
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